

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are responsive to the final Office Action of January 18, 2007. Claims 1, 10, 18, 24, 25, 28, and 32 have been amended, claims 8, 23 and 31 have been cancelled, and claims 35-37 have been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-22, 24-30, and 32-37 will be pending. The allowability of claims 31-34 is noted with appreciation. Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested because they place the present application in condition for allowance (e.g., by capitalizing upon the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner) and do not raise any new issues. Additionally, applicant does not specifically admit to the validity of any of the rejections of record, and further reserves the right to file continuing applications addressed to the subject matter of any canceled, nonelected, or previously presented claim(s).

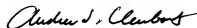
By this amendment, claim 18, from which allowable claim 31 depends, has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 31. Furthermore, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 31. New claims 32 and 33, depending directly or indirectly from claim 1, and new claim 34, depending directly or indirectly from claim 10, have been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of the independent claims, claims 1, 10, and 18, is allowable. It is further submitted that the dependent claims are allowable because of their respective dependence from an allowable independent claim, and because the dependent claims further patentably distinguish.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding the present application or this response, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 404-879-2453, in an effort to expedite prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,



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